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■ **TERRY FOX RUN:** Port Colborne event had eight people shave their heads to raise money

Bald and beautiful for cancer research

MARYANNIE FIRTH
QMI Agency Niagara

The last time Gall Todd had his hair cut, it was the result of a shave in the 1990s.

The local business owner opted for a similar 'do Sunday, parting ways with her dark brown locks but this time for a very different reason.

Todd was one of eight women and men who sacrificed their tresses in exchange for donations at Port Colborne's annual Terry Fox Run.

MARYANNIE FIRTH/STAFF PHOTO

Eight men and women volunteered to have their heads shaved during Port Colborne's Terry Fox Run Sunday to raise funds for cancer research.

which has included a head-shaving component for the past eight years.

The crowd cheered and participants squirmed in their seats as they readied for their haircuts on stage at H.H. Knoll Lakeview Park. The walk followed, with about 200 people walking, running and biking the one-, three- and five-kilometre routes.

Having had several family members impacted by cancer, including her mother-in-law who is currently in hospice in British Columbia, Todd felt it was appropriate to show her support and drum up some funds for cancer research.

"I'm absolutely overwhelmed by how many people want to see me bald," she

said with a laugh, shortly before her date with the clippers.

Todd was able to double her fundraising goal, bringing in \$2,000 for the cause.

Run organizer Nancy Salvage, who has shaved her head each of the eight years, decided to participate Sunday for former Port Colborne resident Emily Perry.

Perry opted for a buzz cut at the event in each of the past six years, but was recently diagnosed with cancer. Unable to attend, she sent Salvage a video of herself shaving her head Saturday from her new home in Kincardine, Ont.

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UPFRONT

ELECTION

Three-way race to fill Port's mayoral seat

MARYANNE FIRTH
QMI Agency Niagara

The winner of a three-way race will take the helm of the lakeside city. Fred Davids and Mike Sloat are vying for Port Colborne's mayoral seat in the Oct. 27 municipal election.

One of the trio will succeed Vance Badaway, who has agreed to seek re-election to the city's newly-elected regional council position. He will face off against incumbent regional Coun. David Barrick.

All three mayoral candidates, as well as the regional council hopefuls, are expected to hit the ground running to canvas and to use their platforms.

Maloney, a former long-time MP in Welland-area ridings, believes "strong fiscal management" tops the list of what voters want to see in Port Colborne.

"Polls are correct to say that where their money is being spent and the expanding debt load," he said.

Along with "balancing the books," he intends to



MIKE SLOAT

work toward "reversing the declining industrial and residential tax base."

As owner of @27 Restaurant, Sloat said he talks to "hundreds of people every week" who share their desire for change in the city.

"We need to get a strangled off our over-consuming and stop focusing on the wants instead of the needs," he said.

"We need to focus on things that generate more tax dollars instead of those that cost us money."

While taxes and infrastructure are important issues, Davies feels Port Colborne needs to

focus on its strategic advantages and look at down-town development, commercial improvement and business expansion and retention.

The general manager of South Niagara Community Futures Development Corp. and owner of San Marco's Ris-

torante said if he's elected budgets for the next four years will be lean, but can still create positive impact in the community.

Though Badaway's sights are set on the Region, his mind remains on Port Colborne.

"I'm not going anywhere," he said, adding he'll need to interest the public to fight for the lakeside city's needs at the regional level.

By dedicating more time to the Region, he believes he'll be able to bring additional resources back to the municipal level to benefit Port Colborne.

Job creation remains Badaway's priority, along with keeping taxes low and ensuring proper access to transportation.

Job creation also tops Barrick's priority list, as does keeping taxes manageable.

Seniors on fixed incomes, young families and the local business sector cannot afford unreasonable tax increases, he said, adding raising taxes "should be a last resort, not a first choice."

"What I bring to the table is a good long look at the



JOHN MALONEY

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Mayoral candidates (1 to be elected):

Fred Davies
John Maloney
Michael Sloat

Ward candidates (2 to be elected per ward):

Ward 1:
David Elliott (i)
John Mayne
Michael Reles

Ward 2:
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Angie Desmarais (i)
Yann Doucet (i)
Tim Hoyle

Ward 3:
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Ward 4:
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Vance Badaway
David Barrick (i)

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Dino Sicoli (i)

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Derrick Fournier (i)

French Catholic school board candidates (1 to be elected):

Wafik Abasir

Jules Letourneau (i)

TERRY FOX

Eyes set on world record attempt in 2015

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Sunday's event was recorded and will be sent to Perry to further motivate her to overcome the disease.

Though Rose and Henry Pye are no strangers to the Terry Fox head shave, Sunday was the first time the couple participated together.

"We all have cancer in our families," said Rose, adding the event is a means to show support and raise much-needed money for research.

"And it's liberating," she said of the maintenance-free haircut.

Salvage is working toward organizing next year's event, which she hopes will break the world record for the most people having their heads shaved at the same time.

Port Colborne's Terry Fox participants captured the record during 2010's event, with 57 people taking part. Salvage anticipates more than 100 people will join in 2015.

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■ ELECTION

LOCAL NEWS

Four compete for Wainfleet mayor's seat

MARYANNE FIRTH
QMI Agency Niagara

Wainfleet's candidates list has a healthy dose of estrogen.

Half the candidates seeking a seat as mayor or alderman in the township are women.

"It's wonderful news," said Welland MPP Cindy Forster, who in her lengthy political career has seen the unbalance that can exist in municipal politics.

"You don't have true representation unless you have gender parity on issues," she said, while adding she's been encouraging females in the Welland riding to put their name forward.

"Women deal with issues differently than men do because of our physical, spiritual and emotional

makeup."

Wainfleet chief administrative officer and township clerk Scott Luey said nominations by female candidates "have been on the rise."

The township had its first female alderman in the 1980s, he said, and now two commissioners are women.

Barb Henderson, who in the final hour Friday filed her nomination papers to again make a run for the mayor's seat, and incumbent April Jeffs, who is seeking a second term on Oct. 27.

Henderson and Jeffs will compete for the mayor's seat against Laurie Dayboll, a community advocate and

former longtime returning officer for Elections Canada, and Dale Tucker, owner of Danefleet Great Danes and chair of the township's community safety advisory committee.

Luey said the 2014 term was the first in Wainfleet's history with two female council members, Jeffs and Ald. Betty Konc.

Both have participated as mentors in a program initiated by the Federation of Canadian Municipalities that strives to raise the estimated 25% of female representation in municipal government to 30% over the next 10 years, he said.



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WHO'S RUNNING**Mayoral candidates**

(1 to be elected):
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April Jeffs (I)
Dale Tucker

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I'VE BEEN THINKING

PASTOR SAM JEEVA

For InPort News

One fine Saturday morning, I was getting ready to make an omelette for the onions and me. Onions? Check. Mushrooms? Check. Spinach? Check. Egg? Check. Olive Oil? Check.

Skiller? No check. No matter how hard I tried, I couldn't open the drawer below the oven to get it out.

So I did what many would do under the circumstances. I applied the most brutal force I could muster and tried to pull the drawer open. No cigar. I even mimicked the force of a nuclear strike on Japan in between many pulls. Still no change.

"Houston, we have a problem!" OK, that's not what I said. "Sulojana, we have a problem!"

"What is it?"

"I can't open the drawer at the base of the

Shipwrecks — Black Prince

Skip Gillham

For QMI Agency Niagara

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stove to get the skillet out."

"I'll be right there!"
 Enter Sulojana, "Just move over." (The tone said: Get out of my way right now!) "OK."

I stood back to observe what would surely be an ancient Indian technique for opening jammed drawers at the base of an electrical stove that had been handed down through the generations in her family. What kind of finesse would it take?

Perhaps pulling sideways was not the answer. So I'll probably move it up and down and get it open. Or she might simply lay hands on it and pray. Maybe her breakthrough anointing will kick in.

Well, it did in a way — but not with the laying on of hands. As a matter of fact, she did not even bend down an inch or make any attempt to use her hands.

Instead, she drew near to the stove and gave the drawer a swift kick with her right foot, followed by a gentle pull with her right

hand. Bingo! The drawer opened. She handed me the skillet with a smug look on her face. I said, "I'm the weakest." "Thanks, deer." I've even whimpered.

What was so readily obvious to her became apparent to me at that moment. Somehow the pots had been positioned in such a way that they prevented the drawer from being opened. Once she gave the boot, there was a realignment inside that pushed the offending vessel out of the way. With no obstacle to impede its movement, the drawer opened smoothly with the simple tug of a lady's fingers.

All I could do was shake my head in plain amazement.

In Daniel 4 we read how God had to apply a swift kick in the drawer to a boastful king named Nebuchadnezzar. As the king was walking on the roof of the royal palace of Babylon, he said, "Is not this the great Babylon I have built as the royal residence, by my mighty power and for the glory of my majesty?" (vs. 29-30)

What happened right afterwards? "He was

driven away from people and ate grass like the ox. His body was drenched with the dew of heaven until his hair grew like the feathers of an eagle and his nails like the claws of a bird." (v. 33)

It was only as he raised his eyes toward heaven that his sanity was restored (v. 34). The swift kick caused a re-alignment in his thought process and turned him around.

This may sound harsh, but there are times when we are so caught up in our misaligned process that the only way God can open our closed minds is with a swift kick in the drawer. I must admit that I've experienced the right foot of God more than once in my life. Although a shakeup was not what I wanted the moment, it was exactly what I needed to start cooking.

Pastor Jeewa Sam shepherds both United Church congregations in Welland — Morgan's Point and Forks Road East. He welcomes your feedback: pastor@morganspointunited.com.



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■ MUNICIPAL SERVICES: Port Colborne facing huge water bill over old pipes

H2O No!

DAN DAKIN
QMI Agency Niagara

The City of Port Colborne has a very big, very expensive water problem.

Like many Niagara municipalities, Port Colborne's water infrastructure is getting old, and that means either hugely expensive upgrade costs or constant repairs to a failing system.

Separate studies on Port Colborne's water distribution and storm sewer systems delivered to city councillors last week paint a grim picture that could require massive water rate and municipal tax increases.

On the water distribution side, there are 120 kilometres of water mains in Port Colborne and nearly half of

them have been replaced with modern pipes made of PVC or other durable plastic materials.

That's the good news. The bad news is there are still nearly 50 km of water mains built with 40- to 50-year-old cast iron or other materials that are breaking down and leaking.

"Most of the watermain breaks are from cast iron pipes," said Mark Gabel, an engineer with Associated Engineering. "They're at the end of their lifespan."

Gabel said testing has shown pressure levels are generally acceptable for residential use, but there are areas in the city with fire-flow connections, where the pressure isn't as high as it should be for firefighting purposes.

Inspections on the water distribution system identified high priority areas that in an ideal scenario would be dealt with over the next three years, Gabel said. But knowing there's not unlimited funding, the pipes should be replaced over the next 10 years, he said.

The cost? Nearly \$8 million. With about \$2 million in grant money available, that leaves a gap of nearly \$6 million over the next 10 years, which Associated Engineering recommends covering through an 8% water rate increase in 2015 and then lower increases of around 2% to match inflation the remainder of the time.

There were gaps from the city's calculations as that figure was read out.

"You'll get complaints the

first year, but you won't get complaints year after year," said Associate's Mike Fortin.

"This shouldn't come as a shock. We've been dealing with this for decades," Mayor Ward said, surveying short back councillors.

"I thought we had more progress on it than this. That's why we're shocked," Ward 2 Coun. Yvon Doucet responded. "I think most councillors felt we had progressed a lot more than this."

Gabel said fixing the water distribution system would help with another smaller problem of lost water.

Port Colborne director of engineering and operations, Ron Hanson, said a loss of 10-20% of water from leaking pipes, stolen water and flushing the lines is typical for municipalities. In Port Colborne, however, that figure is closer to 40%, worth about \$800,000 a year.

"Do we know where the leaks are? No, not exactly," Hanson said.

But he said the study will help "pin down where the sources of loss are."

On the storm sewer end of the equation, the storm sewers is considered to be poor in most of the areas we looked at," van der Bierden said, adding that 11 km of the sewers were likely to flood in a two-year storm and 16 km in a five-year storm.

Associated Engineering recommends the city replace or repair 35.7 km of storm sewers, which would cost about \$54 million, or \$3 million per

year.

That would mean a 20% tax increase, Fortin said.

"It's a huge hit." He also suggested homeowners and businesses pay for the storm sewer never charge, which would be based on either the size of a property or the size of the "impervious area," meaning the area of the roof and driveway.

"There are eight other municipalities in Ontario using this system," Fortin said.

Though the costs and amount of work needed are significant, Port Colborne chief administrative officer Bob Bell said things could be worse.

"Port Colborne has been working to get caught up with this. There are other municipalities in Ontario in much worse shape," he said.

Said Badaway: "These studies are going to validate and contribute to the new mechanisms we'll put in place to fund these projects. It's going to add credibility for the applications we put forward."

"The luxury we have now is we recognize what has to be done."

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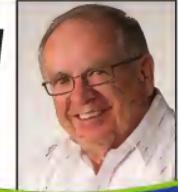
\$4 Million — The cost to repair all of the ageing sewer pipes in the city

storm sewers. Back in 1978, it was recommended that 70 km should be replaced or repaired, but only 20 km has been done so far.

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■ PORT COLBORNE: Third new fire truck purchase for current council Council agrees to buy \$301,000 fire truck

DAN DAKIN
OMI Agency Niagara

Port Colborne Coun. Ward 1 Dave Elliott knows it's taboo to vote against anything to do with improved firefighting equipment.

But his stance last Monday night was, if it ain't broke, why fix it?

The lakeside city's fire department asked council to spend \$301,000 on a new tanker truck to replace a 22-year-old model nearing the end of its lifespan.

"We could keep using it, but the municipality should be putting itself at a greater risk," he said before last week's council meeting.

He said the city's insurance provider could increase premiums if the truck is deemed to be too old.

Ultimately, council voted 7-1 to buy the new truck from Dependable Emergency Vehicles of Brampton, which submitted the lowest bid of three companies at \$292,800 plus tax.

Elliott was the lone holdout, saying council needs to think about "spending responsibly."

"I just question our need to replace things when there's no cost to maintain it; it's paid for, it operates perfectly and we don't put much mileage on it every year," he said.

"Why do we have to continually replace what's not nothing wrong with the equipment. Yes, it's older, but it works fine. Why don't we keep it for another couple of years and see what happens down the road?"

But Port Colborne fire Chief Tom Cartwright said new technology is important to keeping communities and their firefighters safe.

"Yes, it's a lot of money. But it's impor-

tant to remember it has a 25-year lifespan, so you have to try to plan for the future," he said.

Cartwright said he expects a spring delivery for the new truck, which will come with the latest tank technology including large floodlights, modern water dumping features and fully-enclosed controls.

The truck will also have a 2,500-gallon

capacity compared to the current truck's 2,000-gallon tank.

Various options were looked at, including buying a smaller truck, buying a used truck or buying new.

Cartwright recommended a new truck because "it will meet the requirements of the city well into the future; will provide flexibility in its use... will hold more water than the previous tank, etc. (and) will have new technology that is available," he wrote in his report.

Elliott voted against the purchase after being told this was the third fire truck purchase during the current council term.

"That's going to cost us in the area of \$1 million," he said. "I don't know we replace equipment that quickly in any other municipality. It's not about the safety of the firefighters or the safety of the residents... but I'm trying to find a fire department in any other municipality in Niagara that has a fleet as current as ours. We don't fight a lot of fires."

After the 1992 tanker is replaced, the oldest in the fleet will be a 14-year-old pumper truck that won't hit the end of its lifespan for another 11 years, Cartwright said.

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THE RECORD MATTERS

The Mayor said, "Locating a new 'south Niagara' hospital in Niagara Falls is 'absolutely absurd.'" (Welland Tribune: September 14, 2012)

Yet three months earlier he fully endorsed the Niagara Falls site stating: "We think we made the appropriate recommendation...this decision is not only for today, it's a decision for tomorrow as well." (Welland Tribune: June 18, 2012)

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IN BRIEF

Bands uniting for Rock for Dimes

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The Niagara event, similar to those being held across the country, is hoped to raise \$5,000 for people living with physical disabilities.

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Campers program, for which fundraising takes place annually May to October.

Funds are used to subsidize costs associated with supporting a person who lives with a disability so they can enjoy a summer camping experience. Costs that are covered include specialized travel to and from camp, meals, attendant care, accommodations, supplies and day trips.

The Live Lounge event, for which doors open at 7 p.m., is open to the public. Sheraton Shores is at 490 Empire St. in Port Colborne.

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■ EDUCATION: \$5.5-million renovation underway at Port Colborne's Catholic high school

Whole new look for Lakeshore

ALLAN BENNER
QMI Agency Niagara

Lakeshore Catholic High School students were in for a shock when they arrived for the start of another school year.

Their school had been transformed into a construction zone — part of the build-

ing was demolished and condemned off with fencing in preparation for a \$5.5-million renovation over the next year.

Grade 11 student and student council president Allie Moore said she saw the work for the first time while visiting the school for a meeting during the summer.

"We were thinking, 'OK, the school's just broken,'" she said with a laugh.

"I was a little taken aback by the amount of things that had already been done. I'm anxious to see what it's going to look like."

Niagara Catholic District School Board held a groundbreaking ceremony

last week to officially start the project.

By the time the renovations are completed in September 2015, the building will be nearly completely transformed, said board education director John Crocco.

"You will not recognize the look of the school when you see it, nor the renovations that

are taking place inside," he said, gesturing to a sign showing the image of the renovated building that will be erected before Jan. 5.

The project includes 10 new classrooms, a new student bus depot where the Centennial Swimming Pool once stood, revamped classrooms primarily in the

school's science department and removal of 11 portable classrooms, including some that have been in use since 2001, as well as the exterior improvements.

Only the tower and entrance at the north side of the building will remain unchanged.

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■ RENOVATION

Whole new look for Lakeshore

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Grade 11 student Megan Winger, who said she spends a lot of her time in the school's science lab, called the renovations "really exciting."

"We don't have the best science labs in there right now, so I'm just excited to get in there and start using them," she said.

Architect Edmundo Raimondo said he wanted to improve the appearance of the building through the renovation, particularly since it has had several additions since it was built in 1970 at Lockview Park Secondary School.

"I wanted to have a new look, a new dimension. That was the strategy," he said.

Crocco said work began in the summer so construction crews could take advantage of warm weather for the exterior and demolition work. The goal now is to complete the exterior work before the cold arrives, then continue working indoors in the winter.

Crocco said the new bus depot and removal of the

portable classrooms will be completed next spring, while the finishing touches are added to the construction project.

Principal Glenn Gifford assured students the short-term pain during construction "will result in long-term gain" for students and faculty.

Although Lakeshore Catholic's high-skills major students are sometimes called on to work on construction projects within the community, Gifford said they won't take part in redevelopment of their own school.

"That would be... except that they are currently under construction," he said.

"They're taking their show on the road and doing some things for the community."

Crocco said Lakeshore Catholic's renovation is one of the largest of about 40 projects the school board has been involved in during the past year, with the cost about \$3.5 million in provincial funding.

Crocco said Saint Michael

High School in Niagara Falls is also nearing the end of a \$6.5-million renovation, to be completed in the next few months. Several million dollars worth of renovations

have also been done to elementary schools throughout Niagara.

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■ COURT: Told Port Colborne residents he would 'shoot them in the face'
Man ordered to stay away from seniors' residence

BILL SAWCHUK
QMI Agency Niagara

A judge has ordered a Port Colborne man to stay away from his residence, seniors and someone he threatened to harm.

Hendrik Smid, 50, had previously been banned from the property by management.

In July, Smid entered the front foyer of the building at 516 Steele St., which houses geared-to-income apartments for seniors and is owned by Niagara Regional Housing. He was told by a group of ladies he was not supposed to be there, assistant Crown attorney Jacqueline Strecan said. Smid court last Monday.

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COURT: Told Port Colborne residents he would 'shoot them in the face'
Man ordered to stay away from seniors' residence

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One of the victims found Smid's mother, who "surprisingly" let Smid into the building, something to which the other woman objected to, Strecansky said.

Smid then told the seniors that if the police were called, he would give even.

"I have a lot of guns," Strecansky quoted Smid as saying. "And I'll shoot the police if you call."

Defence attorney Jeff Root told the court Smid didn't have any guns.

"The police investigated," Root said. "Defence attorney Jeff Root told the court Smid didn't have any guns. 'The police investigated,' Root said. 'The bottom line is, he's trespassing if he wants to see his mom, I told him to see her someplace else.'

Root said Smid suffers from prostate cancer and is an otherwise physically per-sonal and doesn't think straight.

Smid spent 34 days in pre-trial custody. The Crown asked for a sentence of 60 days in jail and five years of probation.

"There is no useful purpose to be served by keeping in jail that long," Judge Joseph Nadel said.

He later told Smid if he wanted to see with his mother, he could go to her and arrange a meeting "at a Tim Horton's."

Smid was sentenced to two years of probation, ordered to stay away from his mother's residence and not to have any contact with the victims.



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unconventional."

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Rader said customer service jobs start at a pay rate of \$32,000 per year. He said the

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■ JOBS: Manpower releases Q4 outlook

Job prospects rosy in Welland-Port Colborne

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According to findings from the latest Manpower Employment Outlook Survey, made public last week, Niagara job prospects are rosy in Welland for the coming months.

Manpower said employers are suggesting a "respectable hiring climate" in the Welland and Port Colborne areas for the final three months of 2014.

Survey data indicates 10% of employers plan to hire from Oct. 1 to December, while non-manufacturing sectors, said Giulio Moretti of Manpower's St. Catharines office.

That's up slightly from the same period last year.

Elsewhere in Niagara, things don't look as good for the coming months.

Three per cent of employers

surveyed in both St. Catharines and Welland indicated plans to hire, but 17% of Welland City employers anticipates job cuts while 20% in the Falls plan to scale back, Moretti said.

In Port Erie, 10% plan to hire and 10% plan to cut back.

Moretti did not have a breakdown of what sectors in Niagara planned to add or decrease jobs.

Manpower reported in Ontario and Quebec that growth is expected to be seen in public administration, transportation and public utilities, and financial, insurance and real estate sectors.

There are dozens of jobs out there if people do the legwork, said Dan Degazio, Welland's economic development manager.

"People don't go out and advertise jobs in the newspa-

pers like they did 25 years ago," he said. "You're advertising for people to know about their food and hand them a resume."

Word of mouth and social media have become more mainstream ways of learning about jobs, he said, noting there's more than just part-time work at fast-food outlets available.

He rattled off a list of numerous Welland employers who have hired anywhere from 40 to 140 people in the past couple of years. Among them: ASW Steel, glassed window and door manufacturer Global Architectural Metals, electronics manufacturer E.D. Products, turntable parts manufacturer Powdercoat Industries, Welded Tubing and the Welland McMaster Family Health team building on Prince Charles Dr.

"And people like Canadian Tire (Financial Services) are hiring — and there's no chump change over there, and they have great benefits," Degazio said.

"No complaints from our perspective," he said, adding he hopes within the next five weeks to make a new jobs announcement on a project he's been involved with for more than a year.

"There's a few more things coming down the pipe."

At the Welland-Belham Chamber of Commerce, "robust" membership numbers are climbing — and the businesses they represent, well more than 50, are proving to have longevity, said executive director Dolores Fabiano.

"They're popping up left and right," she said. "It's very diverse. People are creating their own opportunities."

Speaking to newer businesses, she said entrepreneurs appear more in tune with how to go about getting established successfully than in previous years. There are many employ-

ment resources available and more opportunities in the workforce," she said.

"There's a more nurturing, supportive environment because people want to see their neighbours — even their competitors — survive," Fabiano said.

Manpower reported that across Canada, employers expect a "modest hiring climate" for job seekers in the fourth quarter of 2014, with employers in the public administration sector showing the most job projections. The survey of more than 1,900 employers across the country found 12% plan to hire in the fourth quarter, while 7% anticipate cutbacks.

The Manpower Employment Outlook Survey is conducted quarterly in 42 countries to measure employers' intentions to increase or decrease the number of employees in their workforce.

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■ LITERATURE: New host, seven readings on tap for coming season

Roselawn authors series returns

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With a new host and a talented lineup, Port Colborne's Canadian Authors Series is gearing up for a memorable season.

The Roselawn Centre series kicks off Thursday, Sept. 25, with Zarga Nawaz, author and director of CBC's hit comedy *Laughing All the Way to the Mosque*.

Nawaz will share her unique brand of religious humour found in her new book *Laughing All the Way to the Mosque*.

The season, with events held the last Thursday of the month from September to November and February 1 to May, has its second instalment Oct. 30 with David Adams Richards and *Crimes Against My Brother*, and continues Nov. 27 with Michael Tewes and *All the Puny Sons*.

Gill Denison, Linda MacIntyre and Andrew Pyper are among authors scheduled for 2015, with one yet to be announced.

Longtime series host William Thomas stepped down from his role as last season came to an end, handing the reins to art and educator Elizabeth Madronich.

Madronich has spent 15 years volunteering with the series, organizing receptions and overseeing Roselawn's green room.

"I'm really excited about this year's lineup," she said, noting several of the authors booked top her personal wish list.

Madronich believes the series' suc-

cess is due in part to the wide variety of authors from different genres booked each season.

"There's a little bit of something for everyone. You don't need to be a book worm to enjoy the series," she said with a laugh.

"Just come out and be entertained, expose yourself to something different."

The readings are unique to Niagara, she said, and draw eager listeners from well beyond the lakeside city's borders.

"This puts Port Colborne on the map in the literary world. It's a legacy I'd like to keep," she said.

Madronich credited Thomas for "what he's built up over the years," and expressed gratitude to the volunteers and sponsors who make the series possible.

"We want people to encourage their friends to come and support the series, to enjoy it and keep it going."

A season pass to see all seven authors is \$160 and includes access to 7 p.m. writers' readings and a reception from Soudscape, held before each 8 p.m. reading. It also includes the opportunity to get each author's autograph.

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